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Sorry for the delay!!

As you might have noticed, its been awhile since you received an issue of the Vista newsletter. With all the activity around getting settled into the new building, its been very hectic here at Keystone. But now that we are settled, the Vista is back! Since the last issue of the Vista, we have moved all of our operations into the our new facility in Hermitage. Our administrative offices, warehouse, store and manufacturing facility are now under one roof. This move has really helped with our efficiency in working together as a team.

Our new location is much easier to find for drivers and family members to transport clients to the low vision clinic, support services and rehabilitation programs. It is nice to have a separate, permanent "cozy living room" atmosphere where we hold our support group meetings. In our Stambaugh Ave. building, the Low Vision training area, support group area and life skills area were in the same room which required moving furniture, putting up and taking down tables, now they each have their own areas.

Dennis Davin, Secretary of DCED visits KBA

Keystone was recently visited by Secretary of the Department of Community and Economic Development, Dennis Davin, State Senator Michelle Brooks and State Representative, Mark Longiotti. They toured the Keystone facility and learned about our services for visually impaired persons and our efforts to employ people who are blind and disabled. Keystone was commended by the visiting officials regarding our model for rehabilitation and employment.



Local Industry Economic Impact Award

In October, at the Penn Northwest Economic Development Annual Meeting, Keystone received the Local Industry Economic Impact Award for our current expansion project which is expected to create 17 new jobs and retain well over 200 jobs over the next few years. Keystone was among one of 4 companies and agencies awarded for their economic impact in our community. In addition to our Local Industry Economic Impact Award, KBA Board member John Mastrian was presented with the economic development agency's inaugural Lifetime Achievement Award.

Keystone CFO Laurie Staph (left) and Keystone Board Chairman Rick Herman (right) accept the award at the Penn Northwest Economic Development Annual Meeting.



New Beginnings

By Jonathan Fister, CEO

Since our last newsletter Keystone's staff, programs and operations will have been functioning out of our new facility in Hermitage for nearly 6 months. Clearly, the move to our new quarters signals a new and important chapter in the life of our organization. It is the first time in 25 years that all of our local programs are housed in the same facility. It is the first time in our 68 year history that we are located in an easy to find location on a main road in the heart of our community. That is not to say that our previous facilities did not serve us well. They did. They simply outlived their usefulness to us with respect to size and functionality. Plus, it seemed that we were always tucked away in a little known area away from the public eye.

But now, that has all changed. We are on a main bus route in the center of the commercial and business district and a mere half block away from the busiest

intersection in Mercer County. We have already seen an uptick in inquiries about services. There is little doubt that the new location will generate more program activity.

Also of great importance is the ability to unite our services and production employees under one roof. We are excited to be able to have regular interactions between service providers and our vocational employees.

I will keep you posted on the happenings in our new facility and how it is changing our program offerings to the community.



Jonathan Fister



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Capital Campaign

By Tresa Templeton

The move has been made and our Capital Campaign is underway. Thank you to the Keystone Blind Association Board of Directors for stepping up as individuals and pledging their own funds to support the campaign. The same can be said for the members of the KBA Capital Campaign Committee. Now we need your help.

Please consider making a donation to help us renovate this great facility to allow Keystone to continue its mission. All lev-

els of giving are welcome and greatly appreciated. I encourage you to visit the new facility and learn about the plans Keystone has for this building. Please call 724-347-5501 to schedule a tour and see how you can help us reach our goal. Thank you.



Keystone's retail outlet now open on State Street!

By Karen Bly, Director of Product Development & Production

In 2006, Keystone Blind Association purchased the building at 981 Division Street in Sharon that had once been the locally well-known Metz Bakery... we were situated slightly "off the beaten path" of any major expressways in the region. "We're in the old Metz Bakery building – are you familiar with that location?" was often heard when giving anyone directions to our facility. For nearly ten years, Keystone's production facility and warehouse was at that location. We also had a small retail space that stocked paper products, cleaning/janitorial supplies as well as the "KEY" brand products we manufacture. Although we did eventually stop getting loyal bakery customers coming in looking for sweet treats, there were many times we considered selling nut rolls at the holidays, just to keep the walk-ins satisfied!

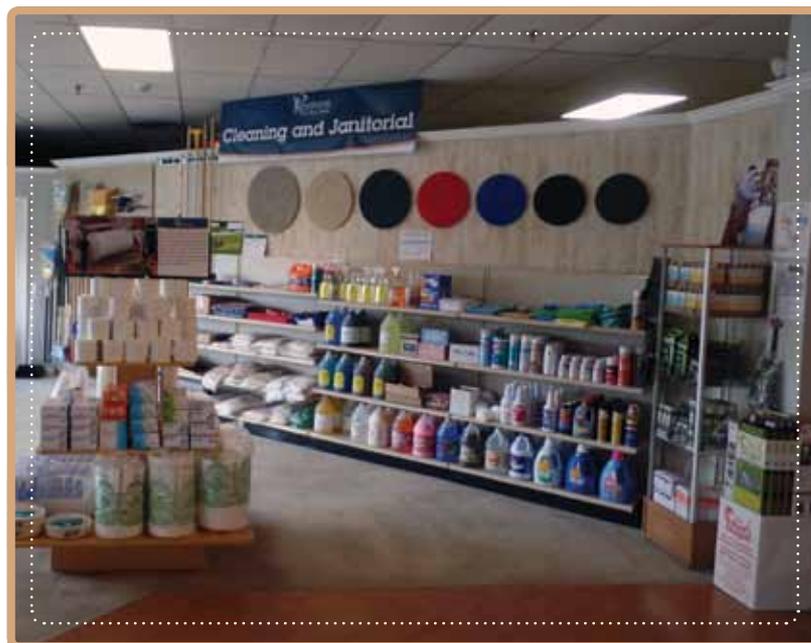
In January of 2016, Keystone's industrial operations moved into another well-known local landmark – the former Bolotin

Furniture building. Here, we are located on East State Street – one of the main thoroughfares in the area! Being at such a prime location, Keystone decided to focus our efforts to "upgrading" our retail space, providing the same products we had on Division Street as well as some new products we're introducing. The increased space and open floor plan has allowed us to concentrate more on customer-friendly displays. With document destruction located in the same facility, we are also able to easily accommodate "walk-in" customers with documents to be shredded. Since the move, business has GREATLY increased!

We are happy to serve many area offices and local businesses. A special "Thank you!" to all of our current customers, for your continued support and patronage! We invite both current and prospective customers to come see our new store – and remember... "we're conveniently located in the former Bolotin Furniture building on East State Street in Hermitage!"



The Tools and Safety section of the Store includes all of our KEY Brand Digging and Striking Tools as well as Safety Helmets and other safety related items.



Our Cleaning and Janitorial section of the Store includes all of your janitorial needs, including both KEY Brand janitorial chemicals as well as national brands.

Love the Coopers

By Luann Cade

My family and I were featured as extras in the holiday movie "Love the Coopers", which was filmed in Pittsburgh last January. After seeing a post from an old college friend on Facebook stating that a casting company, based in Pittsburgh, was looking for extras for an upcoming movie to be filmed in the city, I applied. The company was looking for an "Average American Pittsburgh Family" of five with an older daughter and two younger sons. My family fit the bill. After submitting my information and a recent family photo, I received a call from the casting company. They had chosen our family, and wanted us to come to Pittsburgh for the shoot.

We were told to bring a variety of clothing for the shoot, and that we would be filming at a diner in Millvale. Beyond that, we did not have much information. The morning of our shoot in January was a blizzard. Schools were on a delay, and the roads were terrible, but we were determined to make our movie debut! Upon arrival, we were met with a driver who drove us to a holding station. After, a delicious lunch buffet, we were sent to hair and make-up and wardrobe. They told us they wanted us to look like a working-class Pittsburgh family, so we ended up dressed in mostly jeans and flannel.

The day was spent with a lot of waiting around, but once they were ready for us, they brought us to a second holding station. This again had an assorted buffet of wonderful treats. One thing is for sure, they feed you well on set. This my husband and sons enjoyed very much! They sent us to yet a third holding station, then told us we were up! Although it was a blizzard, they had a snow making machine on set. The man-made snow felt as if you were walking on mashed potatoes, and it stuck to your shoes.

Upon entrance to the diner, there was much hustle and bustle. The lighting, cameras, directors, actors, and actual diner workers were all about. I thought, as extras, we would be somewhere off to the side. Then, they announced "Cade Family" and seated us right at the center table in the diner! After many checks of the lighting, camera angles, and final make-up

touches, actress, Amanda Seyfried, appeared as our waitress. We were told we were not able to ask for photos with the stars on set. However, she said hello, how delicious the pancakes looked, that she was starving, and then it was all business. In the scene, she was serving us pancakes, and we were to be talking and eating our breakfast. That was our part. They filmed almost a dozen takes of our scene. My son was upset that every time he took a bite of his pancake they would yell "cut" and take it away from him. He said he was hungry!

I initially sent our information in for my daughter, an aspiring actress, but it ended up being a fun and interesting experience for us all! If you go to the movie, we are literally shown in the first five minutes. We appear on camera for a quick 15 seconds or so, but are all visible. It was amazing for us that it took an entire day to film a 15-second scene. Can you imagine how long it takes to film the entire movie?

In retrospect, we are so glad that we did it, and for the amazing experience to put on our family resume! See you at the movies! Love, The Cades.



Luann (Back Left), KBA Certified Orientation & Mobility Specialist her family on the set of "Love the Coopers"!

Keystone Kids to travel to Disney

By Jen Lilly

In June nine students from the Keystone Kids program traveled to Orlando, Florida to participate in the Youth Education Series (YES) program at Walt Disney World. The students enjoyed five days in Florida while they receive extensive training in activities of daily living, communication skills, self-advocacy skills, money and time management. They also had many experiences that most students may not have experienced before, such as navigating through the airport, flying on an airplane or using public transportation. This trip was designed to be an intensive trip where the students learned how to be independent. The students experience was overflowing with lessons, but in Keystone fashion they were learning while having fun. The students participated in three programs through the Youth Education Series; Techniques of team work through improvisation, Energy and Waves Physics lab, and Sustainable Practices in Wildlife Conservation.

- In the techniques of teamwork through improvisation program the students came together as an ensemble.
- In the Energy and Waves Physics lab the students embarked on an interactive adventure where they explored the physics of light and sound.
- The students discovered how diverse people and animals respond to conservation challenges during the sustainable practices in wildlife conservation program

Last the students ended the week with a trip to discovery Cove where they had the opportunity to touch dolphins and swim with the dolphins, and also snorkel with exotic fish.

These students had an action packed week filled with many activities that will enhance their lives while our students have fun learning!

Former Keystone Kid

By Shawn M. Crawford

The following article was written by Shawn Crawford, a former Keystone Kid. As a recent graduate of Slippery Rock University we asked Shawn if we would like to share his story for the newsletter:

Growing up in the early 1990s, I was a rather lucky child. I was born on a retired farm in East Brady, Pennsylvania on June 24, 1992. A genetic disorder became a phenomenal challenge for me. At the age of nine, the disorder found the nastiest way to usurp my physical well-being. I was found sick with mononucleosis during the days leading to St. Patrick's Day of 2002. I did not wake up the day after St. Patrick's Day of 2002 and my dad took me to the hospital in Kittanning, PA. I was then raced to Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh within a few hours in Kittanning. I was declared by doctors to be in a coma. Doctors at Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh told my mom and dad that I had a slim chance of surviving. The doctors had no idea what happened at first; they thought I had a stroke. An abundance of tests were performed and the doctors discovered that I had a type of mitochondrial disorder. I was lifeless for three to four months, in a coma, but never was I once put on a breathing machine.

Diagnosed with an unknown type of mitochondrial disorder by a Neurologist, I emerged from the coma at the end of Spring 2002. My family was told by many doctors and specialists that I would probably not live much longer and much less be able to walk, talk or eat regular food again. With having an unknown type of mitochondrial disorder, the Neurologist was not sure if the disorder would degenerate and kill me or if the disorder was a temporary onset. Scientific research cannot determine the exact type of disorder due to the vast number of symptoms that may arise, although there are some common types of the mitochondrial disorder known to scientists. Fortunately, several recurrences did not happen.

Having a robust spirit of determination and stubbornness, I set out to reverse the effects of the mitochondrial disorder. On a day-by-day basis. I grew stronger, but a year or two would pass before I got enough mobility to walk and run again. Upon entering rehabilitation, I was in a wheelchair but never gave up on the goal of walking again. I was diagnosed with ataxia and optic atrophy, shortly after entering rehab. I was able to minimize the effects of ataxia as best as I could. My vision was measured as legally blind at the best correction of 20/200 in both eyes. With optic atrophy being tied to the mitochondrial disorder, there is no cure but my vision has remained stable since the onset in 2002. Stubbornly working with physical therapists on

the goal of walking and obtaining the best balance possible, I moved quickly from a wheelchair to a walker to using nothing. Along with physical therapists, I worked with speech therapists to pronounce words better. The mitochondrial disorder left me near deaf; a major hearing impairment resulted. I decided to meet with a doctor to obtain a cochlear implant. The doctor believed that there was a good chance the cochlear implant would work. I got the surgery to implement the cochlear implant in July 2006.

With the effects of the onset of the mitochondrial disorder drastically reduced to a minimum, I set new goals towards education. Declared a shocking miracle by the Neurologist who worked with me for many years, I made my final visit with the Neurologist in 2007. As a result, my goals shifted towards education. I was a 2010 graduate of Karns City High School in the top ten percent of my class. I graduated high school with a 3.9 cumulative grade point average and this opened the doors for post-secondary education. In the Fall of 2010, I began post-secondary education at Butler County Community College. I enjoyed my time at BC3 and put together an Associates of Applied Science in Computer Information Systems and graduated BC3 by May of 2013. With a GPA of 3.2 and 76 passing credits at BC3, I decided to continue onto Slippery Rock University. I passed courses in Physics, Discrete Computational Structures, Data Structures and Algorithms, Computer Networking and Software Engineering. Although 98 percent of undergraduate coursework was completed for the degree by May 2015, my diploma from SRU will say May 2016. I will receive the degree of Bachelor of Science in Information Systems with a track in Computer Science in May 2016.

As a result of officially graduating with the Class of 2016, I have searched for employment. Although I finished with a B. S. in Information Systems at SRU, I might someday return to major in Computer Science. I did three of the four semesters at SRU with taking above the average of fifteen credits a semester and was very busy. I will try and seek out volunteer work but my search for an entry-level position is continued. Even though I graduated, I am going to continue to learn more about algorithms and programming languages. I will most likely build sample applications.

21st Annual Golf Scramble

By Maureen Perod

We Apologize! During the Golf Scramble, we accidentally tagged a gift basket as being from the Mario Lemieux Foundation. The Autographed Mario Lemieux Jersey that was auctioned off was in fact donated by Henderson Brothers, Inc. in Pittsburgh. Thank you so much for the generous gift that was donated and we apologize for any inconvenience this may have caused.

Keystone Blind Association held its 21st Annual Charity Golf Scramble on Monday, June 6th at Tam O'Shanter of PA. It was a beautiful day with 80 degree temperatures. 150 golfers (a record number for Keystone) showed up to support KBA and enjoy a fun day of golf. Keystone's success was due in part to our 7- \$1,000 Elite Sponsors, 9-\$500 Major sponsors, and 51-\$100 Hole Sponsors.

A huge thank you goes out to all of the sponsors, volunteers, committee members, and employees who helped to put this golf event together. We also want to thank the sponsors who

donated items for all of the golfer's goody bags including: Daffin's Candy, Sheetz, Herr's, and DiCaprio Carpet Cleaning, Also, thank you to Wendell August Forge for donating the golf bag tags for the 1st Place team. And finally, thank you to the staff at Tam O'Shanter for helping us to pull it all off! We brought in a huge crowd and you worked hard to accommodate us.

All of the money raised will stay here in the community to help provide programs and services to blind and visually impaired children and adults.

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2nd Place: TEAM FERRARA

Mark Ferrara, Johnny Doughton III, John Doughton Jr., Joe Beeson, Brian Newell

3rd Place: OIL SERVICES

Dick Lugg, Scott Wells, Chad Wilkenson, Mike Battles, Tony DeMarco

21st Place Random Drawing: TEAM WESEX 1

Jackie Schmidt, Jess Sowers, Mark Schrader, Ken Pritchard, Chuck Laverty

Longest Putt on #17: Mike Llewellyn -

Team Black, Bashor & Porsch, llp

Longest Drive on #11: Derrick Orioski -

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Closest to the Pin on #8: Scott Wells -

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Top Left: The parking lot was full of golfers as 31 teams waited for the start of the 21st Annual KBA Golf Outing!
Bottom Left: Keystone CEO Jonathan Fister showing off his power off the tee. See our Facebook page for the complete video!
Top Right: Team FNB, before rolling the Dice on Hole #12. The Dice game allowed teams to roll the dice for a chance at a better tee position. The money raised went to help fund the Keystone Kids Trip to Disney World.
Middle Right: Team KBA 1 with a long putt.
Bottom Right: Team Strollo, the 2016 winning team.



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KBA Calendar of Events

LSE: Life Skills Education | **CEP:** Children's Education Program | **TIC:** Technology Information Club
PSVS: Preschool Vision Screening | **GCA:** Glasses Cleaning/Adjust | **AVS:** Adult Vision Screening
GVAS: Glaucoma/Visual Acuity Screening

✧ JULY ✧

- 4 – Agency closed
- 12 – Support Group
- 19 – Support Group
- 20 – Life Skills Video
- 26 – Support Group

✧ AUGUST ✧

- 9 – Support Group
- 16 – Support Group
- 17 – Life Skills Video
- 23 – Support Group

✧ SEPTEMBER ✧

- 5 – Agency closed
- 13 – Support Group
- 20 – Support Group
- 21 – PAB Video Conference, 11 am
- 27 – Support Group

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PLEASE NOTE:

There are no Support Group meetings on the 1st and 5th Tuesdays of the month.

Keystone Kids Events

By Jenn Lilly

Six students traveled to Equestrian Center at Slippery Rock University on April 16, where they had a fun filled day of education and recreation. Each student was paired with another student to first groom the horses. The volunteers at the center educated the students on horse etiquette. During this session the students were informed on safety precautions they must take when working with horses; one of which was not to stand within an arm's length away from a horse because that is where the strongest kick is located, they were instructed to stand very close or very far away. The students also learned interesting facts about horse, such as they have a blind spot directly ahead of them unlike humans with "perfect" vision that is straight ahead. The students got broke up into two groups to either ride or make snacks and eat with the horses, each group got a chance to do

both activities. In the riding group the students learned how to get on and off the horse, commands to get the horse to start and top, how to use the reins, and how to help the horse when you are riding. In the feeding group the students learned what healthy snacks the horses may like; such as carrots, applesauce, mints, etc. Each student made up a snack for a horse and got to choose which horse to feed. The students learned like humans horses have their preference of food; for example one horse loves bananas. After a full afternoon of horseback riding the students went to Caffaro's Pizza in Slippery Rock to enjoy pizza and drinks.



During their visit, the Keystone Kids learned how to brush the horses, and how often they get bathed.



The kids enjoyed their time riding the horses.



A Birthday Celebration Can Take Place Anywhere

By Bob George

The plan was to go to Conneaut Lake, sit by the water, and celebrate one of our client's 98th birthday. We awoke that morning to rain. Sitting by the lake in the rain would be no fun. We waited, hopeful, that the rain would stop. That proved not to be the case.

The phone began to ring, with the conversation circling around, "Should we cancel for this afternoon.?"

Any old outing out of doors would've been cancelled, but this was a birthday celebration among friends. No one wanted to cancel, as a birthday celebration by the lake sounded so inviting.

After much discussion, we choose, to our dismay, to bring the party indoors.

Once everyone arrived, including the birthday honoree, the festivities began. We started with a few birthday gifts, and then on to the hotdogs and chips. It was perfect birthday party fare. Then, the birthday cake came out. The guest of honor was well liked by all, and even the baker was wishing her the best, as the cake read, "HAPPY 97th BIRTHDAY".



Crawford County Calendar of Events

LSE: Life Skills Education | TIC: Technology Information Club



✧ JULY ✧

- 4 – Agency closed
- 6 – Client Picnic 11:00
- 13 – Food Stamp Day
- 18 – TIC Meeting; Wesbury; Campus Community Center 10:00 AM
- 26 – Support Group Meeting, 10:00 AM

✧ AUGUST ✧

- 3 – B.S with Bob, 10:00 AM
- 10 – Food Stamp Day
- 15 – TIC Meeting, Campus Community Center, 10:00 AM
- 23 – Support Group Meeting, 10:00 AM

✧ SEPTEMBER ✧

- 13 – Food Stamp Day
- 14 – Support Group Meeting, 10:00 AM
- 19 – TIC Meeting, Campus Community Center, 10:00 AM
- 28 – Life Skill, 10:00 AM



We've Moved!

By Heather Winters

Well, things have been moving along here at the Lawrence County office of KBA. In January, we finally moved into a new space. We are now located at 1429 New Butler Rd., New Castle, PA 16101. We are across from the Giant Eagle in the Essex Plaza. Phone and fax numbers are still the same. With this new building, we are slightly more centrally located for picking up our clients who live at the bottom of the county. We are also able to have our group meetings here at the office now since we have so much more space. This has been a great blessing.

In looking to the future, we are anxiously awaiting the nicer weather of late spring and summer. We are planning a trip to Forbush's Ice Cream (it was a BIG hit last year) and we are getting excited about our 2nd Annual Picnic. We will be having Dave and Brittany from DON's (Disability Options Network) Living Well program come in and speak about what they do and join us for some games and activities. One thing is certain, based on last year's picnic offerings, no one will go home hungry!



Thank You

By Heather Winters

The Lawrence County office has continued to grow and change over the past few months. We recently had to say good bye to one driver/caseworker, Louise Johnson, due to her need to concentrate on her educational quest to become a teacher for the visually impaired. We wish her the best of luck. In her place, we hired two new drivers, Lindsey Lilly and Jim Womer, who are both transitioning into the driver/caseworker position very well. The feedback from both has been that they love the job, and the clients say they are doing a fine job as well.

There are a number of community businesses and organizations we would like to thank for their support over this past year. First, we would like to thank both The Crane Room and Perkins in New Castle for allowing us to have our Technology Information Club (TIC) meetings at their establishments. We would like to

thank Nick's Auto body for housing our office and allowing us to be a part of their little community. A big thanks goes out to the New Castle Public Library, Pearson Park, and Bonnie Cassleberry from the Liberty Grange for allowing us to use space in their buildings for our client events. We also enjoyed the opportunity to speak to various Lion's Clubs in the county this year to keep them updated on what we are doing to help those with visual impairments in Lawrence County. Another big thank you goes out to the New Castle Lion's Club, Jerry Navarra, and the 1st United Methodist Church for planning, hosting, and helping to transport clients to the annual Christmas Dinner. Thank you to everyone who has supported us in the past year. We are looking forward to increased community connections in the next year.

Lawrence County Calendar of Events

LSE: Life Skills Education | TIC: Technology Information Club



✧ JULY ✧

- 4 – Closed; INDEPENDENCE DAY
- 14 – TIC meeting location TBD 10:30-1
- 21 – Picnic 12-3 @ Perkins Park
(not Perkins restaurant)
- 28 – Life Skills @ the Office 11-1

✧ AUGUST ✧

- 11 – TIC meeting location TBD 10:30-1
- 18 – Life Skills @ the Office 11-1
- 25 – Support Group @ the Office 11-1

✧ SEPTEMBER ✧

- 8 – TIC meeting, location TBD, 10:30-1
- 13 – Life Skills – at the office, 11-1
- 22 – Support group – at the office, 11-1



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